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SENATOR GOODRICH: The distance to downtown center, which would be on about 14th, would be the difference between 14th and 36th vs. the distance from 36th on out to roughly 62nd Street. The second part of how you're wrong is the fact that once you get to the UNO campus you can't find a place to park. So the parking would be built into the project ... downtown project, so consequently they can drive right down, park and go on in the building.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'll take the high road, you take the low road and I'll be there first.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: It's almost time to eat. I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I do see five seconds. The question is shall debate on this issue now cease. Record your vote. We are still on Final Reading. All Senators are to be at their desks. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I hate to be like a yo-yo as Senator.... Where'd he go? Oh, as was hinted at by Senator "Mahanee", but when issues come up that you have an opinion to express then I think you ought to express that opinion even though it makes certain people nervous who don't want any contrary opinions expressed on the issue their raising. Now he mentioned all these businesses that are to be subsidized by this unit. I thought it had been sold to the Legislature on the basis of its improving education. You weren't told you're subsidizing 30,000 workers which is 19 percent of the work force in Omaha. You weren't told the you're helping Union Pacific, you weren't told you were helping Mutual of Omaha. Now if all this \$158 million in construction is going on as Senator "Mahanee" mentioned, why then do you need to dump additional state money down there? When they were trying to get the lottery didn't they say that downtown Omaha was dying and they needed this money for that purpose? That's what they said whether you know it or not, whether they meant it or not. But you're accustomed, I think, to hearing many different things from Omaha on the same issue. As the background changes, the colorations of the discussions and arguments will change. But you'll find consistency in me, Senator "Mahanee". He put words in my mouth that did not come from my mouth. He said "How can you call two blocks urban renewal" as I did. I didn't call it urban renewal, I didn't mention urban renewal. So he misquoted me, but that's perfectly to be expected. He has a lot of serious things on his mind. Now if companies have to train their employees they can provide their own training programs. As for people walking to this facility, Senator Savage and others have mentioned the number of classes that are already given at scattered sights in downtown Omaha right now. So these people are able to get all that education, if education is what they're interested in. There has not been a